

**Horticulture and Environmental Education
Development Committee**

Regular Meeting

Proposed April 13, 2004 minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 at the MSU Extension Office, located at 21885 Dunham, Clinton Twp., Michigan by Sue Archambault.

Present: Chair, Sue Archambault, Treasurer Jim Eckhout, MSUE Representatives Anne Crotser and Mary Gerstenberger, 4-H member – Jonathan Eckhout and Master Gardeners – Mishia Hunwick, Richard Frank, Karen Wittich, Mary Ellen Angelwicz, and Tammy Barthel.

Secretary's Report

Jim Eckhout moved to approve the March 8, 2004 minutes with the following additions; add Tammy Barthel to list of attendees and clarify that the "35.00" should read "\$35.00 to deposit."

Supported by Richard Frank.

Motion Carried

Treasures Report:

Jim Eckhout reported that the committee has a balance of \$365 in the checking account.

Bills for Payment:

Sue Archambault requested a reimbursement of \$180 for 60 garden markers and hooks.

Supported by Karen Wittich.

Motion Carried.

Old Business:

Horticulture Workshop Program – This event canceled for 2004 due to low enrollment. Registered participants will be directed to the St. Clair County "Spring Into Gardening" program which will take place on the same day in St. Clair. Moved by Jonathan Eckhout to have the Horticulture and Environmental Education Committee pay for the extra \$2.00 to send interested participants to the St. Clair program.

Supported by Karen Wittich.

Motion Carried

Dates for next years program to consider are March 5, 12, 19 & 26. Anne Crotser will look to see if any other committees have planned another program. 2005 date is tabled until next meeting.

Anne Crotser will write a letter to businesses that made donations for this program and give them the option to let the committee keep the donations and use them next year or return them.

Recycle Containers for Fair – This project has not been presented to the Armada Fair Board for approval. Jim Eckhout will work on getting this on the agenda for the next Armada Fair Board meeting.

Earth Appreciation Day – Anne Crotser reported that no one called Roberta in the office to register for the program.

Plant Containers for Armada Fair Grounds – Tabled until next meeting, Ann Walsh not present.

New business:

Volunteers to help Macomb Conservation Prep Orders on 4/14 & 4/15 – Sue Archambault mentioned that the Conservation was looking for volunteers to help pack orders for their spring sale.

Decoration Committee for Petting Farm at Fair – Sue Archambault stated that she received a phone call from Cheryl Donovan requesting the Horticulture Committee to decorate and landscape the front of the Petting Farm. All

members present could not help out do to other activities. Sue Archambault stated that she would email Ann Walsh and ask if she can place some of the planters in front of the Petting Farm to help decorate.

Captain Plant Grants – Mary Gerstenberger stated that there is grant money to apply for that may work for funding programs under the committee. She will bring more details about the grant application and the deadlines to review. Item tabled until more information is obtained.

State 4-H Garden Grants – Anne Crotser stated that there are horticulture grants available from the state for county level programs. She will look into the details and bring them to the next meeting. Item tabled until more information is obtained.

Comments:

Sue Archambault mentioned the Family Outdoor and Environmental Education Weekend at Kettenum Center.

Anne Crotser will call all clubs registered to do horticulture projects to find out why they didn't register. She also mentioned the Horticulture Workshop in Lansing in October. Anne will look into the availability and costs of renting a bus and taking participants to the workshop. She will give information to the next meeting. Anne also mentioned called all project leaders that do not have representation at the committee and inviting them to the meeting.

Moved by Jim Eckhout and supported by Tammy Barthel to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Motion Carried